

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Alpine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alpine ISD was held Wednesday, July 23, 2014, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Alpine ISD Administration Building - Board Room.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Mo Morrow called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Conrad J. Arriola, Eleazar Cano, Justin Cross, James Jones, Mo Morrow, and Eddie Natera

Members Absent: Paul Loeffler

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

IV. Verification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

This is to verify that the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.041 in connection with public posting of meeting notice was met on July 17, 2014.

V. Open Forum - Public Comment - None

VI. Report by Representatives from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, on Delinquent Tax Collections

The law firm was represented by Danny Barrett of Lubbock and Martin Lujan, from Alpine. Mr. Barrett gave the annual report on collections, and indicated he felt it had been a successful year for collections. He said the collections were up on "first year" collections, and that bad addresses had been reduced to 35% from 45%. He said representatives continue to work on the problems with South County and Terlingua properties. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns with Mr. Barrett.

VII. Reports

A. Director of Administrative Services

Presenter: Darrel Dodds

1. Monthly Report

Darrell Dodds reviewed the tax collections and financials for the month of June, 2014. Additionally, he discussed the projected end-of-year totals for 2013-2014. The projected total revenues are approximately \$9,977,000, with projected expenditures of \$9,754,000, for an anticipated end of year

balance of approximately \$ 23,000. Mr. Dodds reminded the Board that these figures would change as end of year adjustments are made by the auditors.

VIII. Consideration of Budget Amendments

Darrell Dodds, Director of Administrative Services, recommended the following budget amendments:

1. Transfer of \$22,385 from Fund 199, Function 11, Payroll to Operating Costs, Transfer-Out Account.
 - A motion was made by Justin Cross, seconded by Eleazar Cano, to approve the budget amendment, as presented.Motion carried – 6 – 0
2. Transfer of \$46,211 from Fund 199 to Fund 240, Food Service to cover excess costs of program.
 - A motion was made by James Jones, seconded by Conrad Arriola, to approve the budget amendment, as presented,Motion carried – 6 – 0
3. Transfer of \$100 from Fund 511, Debt Service, Object Code 3700, to Fund 511, Object Code 7165.
 - A motion was made by James Jones, seconded by Eddie Natera, to approve the budget amendment, as presented.Motion carried – 6 – 0

IX. Consent Items

The Board has been furnished with background material on each item and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. Items may be withdrawn for individual consideration. All remaining items will be adopted by a single vote. Items withdrawn for separate discussion will be acted upon individually.

A. Board Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. June 25, 2014 - Regular Meeting

B. District expenditures for month of June, 2014

A motion was made by Conrad Arriola, seconded by Justin Cross, to approve the consent items, as presented.

Motion carried - 6 – 0

X. Superintendent's Report

Mr. White reported on some of the current activities within the district:

1. Staff Development schedule and letters to staff regarding return to school.
2. New fence construction at Elementary campus. Old fence was donated to the City of Alpine.

3. Working on weed control on campuses.
4. Checking on installation of additional kick plate/safety boards on visitors bleachers at Buck Stadium

All of these projects are being addressed within the budget.

XI. Consideration of Nomination for TASB Delegate Assembly

A motion was made by Conrad Arriola, seconded by Mo Morrow, to nominate James Jones as the Alpine ISD representative to the TASB Delegate Assembly for 2014.

Motion carried - 6 – 0

XII. Consideration of List of Certified Appraisers for 2014-2015

A motion was made by James Jones, seconded by Conrad Arriola, to approve the list of certified appraisers for 2014-2015. The list includes: Panchi Scown, Julie Wright, Jeff Henry, Jessica Chavez, Justin Gonzales, and Pam White.

Motion carried - 6 – 0

XIII. Consideration of application to TEA for an expedited waiver to allow teachers use of data system (DMAC) for analyzing student assessment data.

A motion was made by Conrad Arriola, seconded by Eleazar Cano, to approve the superintendent's recommendation to submit an application to TEA for an expedited waiver to allow teachers the use of a system such as DMAC for analyzing student assessment data.

Motion carried - 6 – 0

XIV. Facilities

Board members and Superintendent White discussed facility needs for the district. Following discussion it was decided that Mr. White and Mr. Dodds would research costs for:

1. A new facilities study to be conducted by a TASB representative, as a follow-up to the study performed in 2008.
2. A bus loop to be constructed on the west side of the Elementary campus.

If possible, costs for these two items will be discussed at the August board meeting.

XV. Closed Session

Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code §551.072; §551.074

The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:46 p.m.

A. Personnel - Consideration of Employment Contracts

XVI. Open Session

Possible action on Closed Session deliberations

The Board reconvened in open session, at 7:47 p.m., taking action on Closed session deliberations as indicated below.

A. Consider and take action regarding proposed contracts

A motion was made by Eleazar Cano, seconded by James Jones, to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer a half-time contract to Barbara Scown as a science teacher at the High School.

Motion carried - 6 – 0

XVII. Schedule Future Meetings

- Wednesday, August 20, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m. – Alpine ISD Administration Building Board Room, Regular Meeting, to include a public hearing for adoption of the tax rate.

XVIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The Board may retire to executive session at any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for purposes of deliberating business as authorized in Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071-551.074 and 551.076. Action, if any, will be taken in open session. (Texas Government Code Chapter 551.102)

Board President

Board Secretary

Date of Approval: August 20, 2014